

Weather: partly peaceful skies, cooled relations, showers of shells expected tomorrow.

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Late Edition

ANTITRANKIS



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Subscriptions are 1¢ per page plus postage, send a lump sum and we will keep track. Game openings: David Head is starting a game of regular diplomacy and has the following people signed up for his game; Ronson, Leeder, Lumsden and Anschuetz, three openings left. Game fees are \$6.00 (\$5.00 for IDA members).

You probably noticed that Paul Monahan's name was not listed there (the mast-
head), well Paul has had to resign his post as GM of 1974HB. To the people
of '74HB Rick Kitching is going to pick up the game so there is no chance
in your game being dropped, see page 10 for full details.

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Arrakis Poll

A comment on the Arrakis Poll "Bad idea! If I want to discuss politics, I'll join a political party!" The results: about $\frac{3}{4}$ of those who answered were in favour of capital punishment, the rest voted against it except for one who said he did not know one way or the other. The next question to keep it of a non political nature is 1) Do you like backstabbing to win a game. 2) Would you rather be a one unit puppet or fight madly to the end - last man (win)? Send your answers to your GM.

Copies are available for issues #40, 41, 42, 43, 44 and the map and
chart for Atlantica III (the rules are minuscule). Cost: 1¢/page plus postage.
If any of you have any stories, articles etc that we can get, so
that any that would like to help out send us something, we really need
it. Thank you, the Arrakis staff.

Georgic Poetry:

etry:	DIPLOMACY	
	IPLOMACYD	
	PLOMACYDI	
	LOMACYDIP	
STAB	OMACYDIPL	STAB
TABS	MACYDIPLO	TABS
ABST	ACYDIPLOM	ABST
BSTA	CYDIPLOMA	BSTA
STAB	YDIPLOMAC	STAB

Abraakis with their champion 11thremover Head challenges Don Horton off Claw & Fang to a slab off. A note to Mr. Horton Head has lost 28 lb's already and are still willing

10-11 DIPLOMACY
DIPLOMACYD
DIPLOMACYDI
DIPLOMACYDIP
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DIPLOMACYDIPLOM
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Almost forgot the deadline, it is April 5, 1975, note that it 4 weeks this time due to the postal strike.

THE NUTTY POLL HISTORY QUIZ((not again, my gawd))

Last issue when I printed the results I said that the quiz was in Arrakis # 39. I made an error it was in Arrakis # 40, I hope it did not baffle any one so much that they went crazy. By the way Doug how about dropping me a line and telling me which game you want to enter. (D. Head)

MATCHING QUIZ GEOMETRICAL TERMS

Select the correct letter from side B and match it with the corresponding number on side A. Side A

1. A broken angle	A. Secant
2. Place where people are sent for committing crimes	B. Transformation
3. A beast	C. Decagon
4. A lost phonograph record	D. Polygon
5. A clever angle	E. Pi
6. What one old farmer said to another	F. Prism
7. An angle that is never wrong	G. Postulate
8. Used to tie up packages	H. Sphere
9. That man does not talk plainly	I. Geometry
10. What girls want to find at the beach	J. Sector
11. They voted "yes" on tractors for Cuba	K. Protractor
12. Printer's dessert	L. Tangent
13. A sharp weapon	M. Chord
14. What little acorns say when they grow up	N. Centre
15. The one in charge	O. Coincide
16. What the forgetful professor did with the letter he carried for a week before mailing	P. Hypotenuse
17. What the husband did when his mother-in-law wanted to go home	Q. Acute angle
18. What a person should do when it rains	R. Loci
19. The way the poet wrote his love letters	S. Ellipse
20. A dead parrot	T. Inverse
	U. Rectangle
	V. Right angle
	W. Line
	X. Hexagon
	Y. Ruler

I just got this little puzzle today so don't ask me for solutions if you are stumped because I have not figured all of them out yet. By the way today is February 14 Happy Valentine's Day.

Zine Review

Command Post #15, John Mirassou, Rt. 2 Box 623AC, Morgan Hill, CA 95037 USA Subs. are 6/\$1.10. Game openings in regular dippy for \$1 plus the maintaining of a sub, just 2 openings left. (tri-weekly)

Runestone #64, John Leeder, 4910 20A St. SW, Calgary, Alta., Canada T2T 5A6 Subs. are 1¢/page plus postage. Game openings; old folks game for people over 30 2 openings left (regular dippy), Western Canada game of regular dippy 5 openings left (2 week deadline, players from Manitoba to British Columbia only) Virgins game of regular dippy only one spot left open, all game fees are \$2 (\$1.50 for IDA members) plus a sub. Contents: John talks about a couple of go to, o's and ends, humour, games, also a 5½ page victory statement by Randolph Smyth. (weekly)

Cussed #3, David J. Truman, 50 Stephanie St., Apt. 1510, Toronto, Ont., M5T 1B3 Subs. are \$2/year in Canada, and \$2.50/year in the USA (airmail), Game openings in regular dippy \$5 for a standard game \$12 for a prize game, the prizes for the game are: 1st-\$25, 2nd-\$12, 3rd-\$6, 4th-\$3, 5th-\$2, 6th-\$1, 7th-zip (tri-weekly)

Impassable #46, John Boyer, 117 Garland Drive, Carlisle, PA 17013 USA Subs. are 12/\$2, or 6/\$1 (for newbloods) Game openings in regular dippy for newbloods fees are \$7 (\$8 if you want to receive Impassable until the end of your game if you are wiped out early in the game) Contents: IDA election results, Solitaire Confinement (a continuing space fantasy), results of the first North American Diplomacy Players' Survey, Dippyworld (another continuing story), games, press, players autobiographies. (triweekly)

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Paroxysm #2, Harry Drews P.O. Box 282 Kitchener, Ont. N2G 3X9 Subs. are Canada and US (surface) 10/\$2, US air 9/\$2, everywhere else by air 6/\$2, no cheques that are cashable on US banks. Game openings in the variant Napoleon's Europe, fees are \$5 refundable deposit, plus 15¢/move game fee, plus a sub to Paroxysm. Contents: comments on the first issue, IDA Election results, letters, "You wanted to know" a regular feature, Strategic Diplomacy a continuing series of articles, an article on A.H.'s The Battle of the Bulge, games, press. Doug Ronson and Robert Correll also edit the zine but all money should be sent to Harry (every 4 weeks)

Everything #19, (the official journal of the Boardman Numbers Custodian) edited by Doug Beyerlein 330 Curtner Ave., Apt. #8, Palo Alto CA, 94306, USA and published by John Weswig, 2115 NW Elder St., Corvallis, Oregon, 97330, USA Subs. are 10/\$4 (surface mail N.A.), 10/\$5 (airmail N.A.), all other countries 10/\$4 surface mail and 10/\$8 airmail. Send money to John Weswig only, and make cheques payable to Chintimini Enterprises. Contents: reports on finished games, announcements

Mad Policy #37 Richard J. Walkerdine 'Cheriton', 15 Crouch Oak Lane, Addlestone, Surrey, KT15 2AN, UK. Subs. are 5p plus postage per issue. No game openings until the spring. Contents: Calhamer Award results (mails slow across the pond), news, games, also Annexe #19 a subzine of MP by John Morrison Contents; games press humour.

Speculum #11 Dave Kadlecik 1447 Sierra Creek Way San Jose, CA 95132 USA Subs. are 10/\$2 or 10/2.50 air mail in NA, or 10/\$2 surface mail or 10/\$4.50 airmail overseas. Game openings: all kinds of them in each case you must send a one dollar deposit and maintain a sub, regular dippy \$1.50 game fee, Third Age \$1.50 game fee, Youngstown Variant \$2 game fee, Fish's Delight or Scacchomacy \$0 game fee. Contents: Zine reviews, "What is the World Coming to?" (about the recent IDA elections), letters, games, press

Doodlebugs

(Hitler's New Secret Weapon That Was To Win The War)

On the night of June 12, 1944, six days after the Allied invasion of Normandy, a strange flying object crossed the Kent coast and headed north. It buzzed angrily like a two-stroke motor-cycle engine. From its tail stretched a plume of bright flame.

War-hardened citizens of the South-East corner of Britain heard the strange sound and leaped out of bed to watch its fiery passage above the hayfields and orchards. The flaming meteor flew on. Over Croydon it was loudly cheered by a group of night-duty policemen, who thought they were looking at a German aircraft on fire.

The strange object kept on its course over the suburbs of London until it reached a point above Bethnal Green in the East End. There the angry buzzing suddenly ceased. For a few seconds all was silent. Then the summer night was rent by a violent explosion as the object hurtled out of the sky, struck a bridge and blew up.

The event was dismissed in a laconic communique next morning. The communique said that, during the night, "one enemy raider was shot down in the London area". The War Cabinet and Chiefs of Staff had no illusions, however, about where the object had come from and what it was.

For months Hitler had been trumpeting about a secret weapon that would turn the tide for Germany and bring Britain to its knees. This was it - V (for Vengeance Weapon) 1, a pilotless flying bomb of which, during the days of death and destruction that were to follow, a Cockney woman was to make the entirely appropriate comment: "It ain't quite human."

By something of a miracle Britain was ready for the attack. German plans for the development of new weapons, including the flying bomb and rockets, had fallen into the hands of British Intelligence as early as November, 1939, when the war was less than three months old. Military opinion at that stage, and for three-and-a-half years to come, was that such weapons were unlikely to play a significant part in the struggle.

A stroke of good fortune for the Allies, and for London in particular, changed the views of Britain's Chiefs of Staff in August, 1943. The HQ for the development of the flying bomb, known to the Germans as "Operation Cherry-stone", was at Peenemunde, a fishing village on the Baltic. During August the German airforce station at Peenemunde made a routine report which said: "A flying bomb was released from a Heinkel 111 bomber. Because of overfuelling the weapon carried on to crash on the island of Bornholm."

Bornholm is a Danish island off the Southern tip of Sweden and, instead of crashing and disintegrating, the flying bomb landed intact in a turnip field. Before lorry-loads of German troops reached the scene and sealed off the area, Christian Hasager Christiansen, a member of the Danish resistance, was able to photograph and measure the bomb.

Christiansen, later decorated for his quick-thinking and bravery, had continued next page...

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only just finished his work when the first lorry-load of troops appeared. There was a tense moment while the officer in charge questioned him about his presence in the field and asked suspiciously: "Have you taken any photographs?"

Christiansen said plausibly that he had seen "the aeroplane" which had just come down and had only arrived at the field himself to see if he could help the pilot. His answer satisfied the German officer. Christiansen, without being searched, was ordered to leave the vicinity and within a couple of days his photographs and details of the flying bomb's dimensions were under close scrutiny by military experts in London.

The RAF mounted immediate reconnaissance raids to find the source of the flying bombs and, from a tiny speck on a photograph brought back from Peenemunde, one expert was able to diagnose that it was a miniature aircraft on rails. Churchill, quick as ever to grasp the full implications of the situation, ordered: "Peenemunde must be wiped out, regardless of cost." A few nights later 600 bombers dropped 2,000 tons of bombs in a crippling attack on Peenemunde experimental station.

Colonel Max Wachtel, of Flak Regiment 155W, the man in charge of the project to wipe out London with V1s, said later: "That night probably changed the whole course of the war." It was not merely the physical damage. The fact that their secret was out and had brought such quick retribution demoralised the whole German V1 team.

Colonel Wachtel became convinced that British Intelligence was out to assassinate him. His fears spread to his colleagues who thought an armed agent lurked behind every hedgerow. It was hardly an atmosphere conducive to steady scientific progress towards the weapon that would wipe out London and make Britain sue for peace.

Colonel Wachtel himself actually changed his name, with Hitler's approval to Martin Wolf, grew a beard and was granted the right to wear the uniform of any branch of the German army that suited him. When he changed his HQ, the move was carried out with maximum secrecy.

The official RAF history of the war records that, in the course of moving his HQ, Colonel Wachtel "changed his uniform several times while driving around in Paris in a series of taxis. So elaborate were the precautions taken that his HQ lost touch with their laundry and went for weeks without clean clothes."

In all, the physical and psychological effects of the Peenemunde raid are estimated to have delayed development for at least six months, thus to have spared the lives of thousands of Londoners, and saved the city from the possibility of complete destruction.

By November, 1943, however, reports started to come in that the Germans were starting to erect concrete launching sites, similar to those at Peenemunde, on the French coast. In a series of raids Anglo-American bombers wiped out the first 100 sites. The Germans rebuilt them. The Allied bombers wiped them out again.

The Germans responded by finding a new method of constructing sites that could be ready for operation in only six weeks. They also camouflaged them so well that they were virtually undetectable from the air. Special intelligence men had to be put in to locate the sites on foot. Even they didn't find it easy. One pitched his tent in a French field only to discover, on kicking away a loose piece of turf and finding a rail underneath, that he was actually camping bang in the middle of a flying bomb launching pad.

By the spring of 1944 it was clearly only a matter of time before the Germans launched their attack on Britain's capital. They could, in fact, have started it as early as April. It was Hitler himself who decided to hold the weapon in reserve as a counterblow to follow the expected Allied invasion of the continent.

And thus to that night of June 12 when the first bomb, with its flaming red tail, crossed the Channel and delivered its load of destruction on Bethnal Green.

The flying bombs were 25ft. long, and had a wingspan of 16ft. They weighed nearly two tons, including a 2,000lb. warhead. Although they were expected, their behaviour surprised our defences. It had been predicted that they would fly at not less than 6,000ft., in fact, they were rarely higher than 3,000ft. Their speed, expected to be 200m.p.h., turned out to be nearer 400m.p.h.

These unforeseen characteristics threw the British gunnery system into chaos. Two gunnery officers were hastily despatched to Dover, where they spent a day sitting on the white cliffs, noting the flight paths of the flying bombs as they droned across the Channel and working out a new firing plan designed to blow them out of the sky.

A ring of heavy and light artillery, mounted inland at first but later moved to the coast, was only one of three lines of defence. Fighter aircraft patrolled the Channel and the Weald of Kent while around the suburbs of the capital floated a ring of balloons, starting with 500 and eventually rising

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to 2,000.

Although flying bombs were to continue their assault on London until March, 1945, the main attack took place in the 80 days between June 12 and August 31, 1944, when the silent terror of the V2 rocket took over.

Characteristically, the Cockneys christened the flying bombs "buzz bombs" and "doodlebugs" and referred to the ring of balloons, the last line of defence around the South London suburbs, as "goalkeepers." The doodlebugs were, in fact, nothing to joke about.

On August 3, 1944, Churchill stood up in the House of Commons to give the provisional figures of the first two months of the doodlebug assault. Up to that time, 5340 flying bombs had been launched against London. They had killed 4735 men, women and children, and seriously injured another 14,000. 17,000 homes had been destroyed, another 800,000 badly damaged.

Also revealing that nearly a million people had fled from London, he added belligerently: "If the Germans imagine that the continuation of this present attack, which has cost them dear in many ways in other branches of production, will have the slightest effect upon the course of the war, or upon the resolve of the nation, or the morale of the men, women and children who are under fire, they will only be making one of those psychological blunders for which they have so long been celebrated."

Bad as it was, the toll of death and destruction would have been far greater but for the enormous counter-efforts by the Army and the RAF.

The RAF dropped 100,000 tons of bombs on the doodlebug launching sites, factories, supply centres and lines of communication, and, in the process, lost 450 aircraft and nearly 3,000 pilots and aircrew. Nevertheless, on August 28, 1944 the day the buzz bomb attack reached its peak, the Nazis were still able to launch 101 flying bombs against London.

Against the bombs themselves once they were flight, the RAF employed Tempests, Mosquitoes, Spitfires and Mustangs, using a new super-fuel called Iso-Octane which gave them 20 percent more power. At the height of the offensive they were deploying 15 squadrons of day fighters and 10 of night fighters.

The AA guns in "bomb alley" included 800 heavy guns and 2,000 light guns. Between them, in any 24 hours, they fired up to 65,000 shells. During the 80 days of the Doodlebug-London battle none of the 60,000 gunners, half of them women, had any leave. ((Why not? now Why not? IWY))

Another important link in the counter-operations was British Intelligence. In fixing the flight range of the buzz bombs it was vital for the Germans to know where the earlier ones had landed. M15 managed to "blow" one Nazi spy in the British Civil Service and used his network to feed false information back to Colonel Wachtel.

One intelligence officer also spotted that it was possible to plot where the flying bombs were landing by analysing the obituary notices in the Times and Daily Telegraph. So false death notices were planted in the columns of the two newspapers.

The actions of British Intelligence largely explain why the majority of doodlebugs which got through the defences fell on the suburbs of South London rather than on the centre of the capital, where they would have made their biggest impact both on the war effort and morale.

Penge, in the S.E.20 postal district, was actually the worst-hit area. In 80 days every one of its 6,000 houses was destroyed or damaged and one in 20 of its inhabitants were killed or injured.

There was a split in the Cabinet about whether politicians had the right to "manipulate" flying bomb targets, bringing death and suffering to families who might otherwise escape. In fact, they never made a firm decision either way, and M15, meantime, carried on feeding false information to the Germans. It has been estimated that, had the Nazis discovered the deception and re-routed the doodlebugs to fall on central London, it would have cost an extra 500 lives a month.

The first V1 to be shot down was sighted over the Channel on June 15, the third day after the start of the doodlebug attack. The aircrew, a Flight-Lt. Musgrave and Flight Sgt. Samwell, reported that, just after midnight, they spotted "a ball of fire" (the exhaust of the V1's jet) on their starboard side. They wheeled and opened fire.

"It fell in a vertical dive into the sea," they said when they got back to base. "The whole show was over in three minutes."

Fighters continued to be the most effective antidote to the V1. Of the first 8,000 bombs launched against London, about 46 percent (3,740) were bagged by the defence forces. Fighters destroyed 1,900, AA guns 1560 and the barrage balloons 280.

The defences gradually grew more efficient at their task. In the early days it took one flying bomb to kill one Londoner. By August it took three flying bombs to kill one Londoner. In the Battle of London, August 28, the day the Nazis fired 101 buzz bombs against the British capital, ranks with September 15, 1940 during the Battle of Britain. Of those 101 flying bombs

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only four got through.

It was only after the war that the complete figures could be revealed. They showed that 10492 doodlebugs had been launched operationally. British defences destroyed 3,957. Another 3,531 cluded them and 2,419 reached the London area, killing 6,139 people and seriously injuring 17,239.

The last doodlebug to fall in the London area burst on Chislehurst in Kent at breakfast time on March 28, 1945. The last seen in British skies was shot down near Sittingbourne in the same county the next day. Less than two months later, on May 7, 1945, the Nazis surrendered.

The secret weapon that was to win the war in the West had failed in its aim. But it might have been a different story only for the bravery and quick-thinking of the Danish resistance fighter when a prototype V1 landed intact in that distant turnip field.

Postal Strike

As you all know by now mail delivery has been really screwed up by the postal strike. Toronto had been the worst hit area where about 50% of the countries mail is sorted. So the deadline for next season will 3 weeks from the day that the workers return to their jobs, or if the strike lasts a month of Sundays when we get a full set of orders for all games except the local game. (Ignore that and see the last page for the deadline)

A Sultan who lived in St. Ives
Had a terrible case of the hives.

A soldier (whose fame was quite fleeting)
Went to a court-martial meeting.

He said, "All this itching
Comes from nagging and bitching,

They took down his britches,

And Marrying too many wives."

Saw the ten stitches,

And said "You were shot while retreating!!"

1974 Diplomacy Handbook

The 1974 diplomacy handbook is now available for \$3 (\$2 for IDA members). It is an excellent source of material for the beginner as well as the advanced player. Writers like Beyerlein, Birsan, Verheiden, Walker and many others have contributed to this 80 page volume. Send your money to John Boyer 117 Garland Dr., Carlisle, PA 17013 USA (make cheques etc. payable to the International Diplomacy Association).

"When I was young, I'd steal piggy banks from dear little kiddies.
Fortunately, when I got older, there were some habits I didn't change."

"She was built like a brick chicken house."

"You can't hurt a child dropping him on his head, at that age their heads are soft anyway"

by W.C. FIELDS

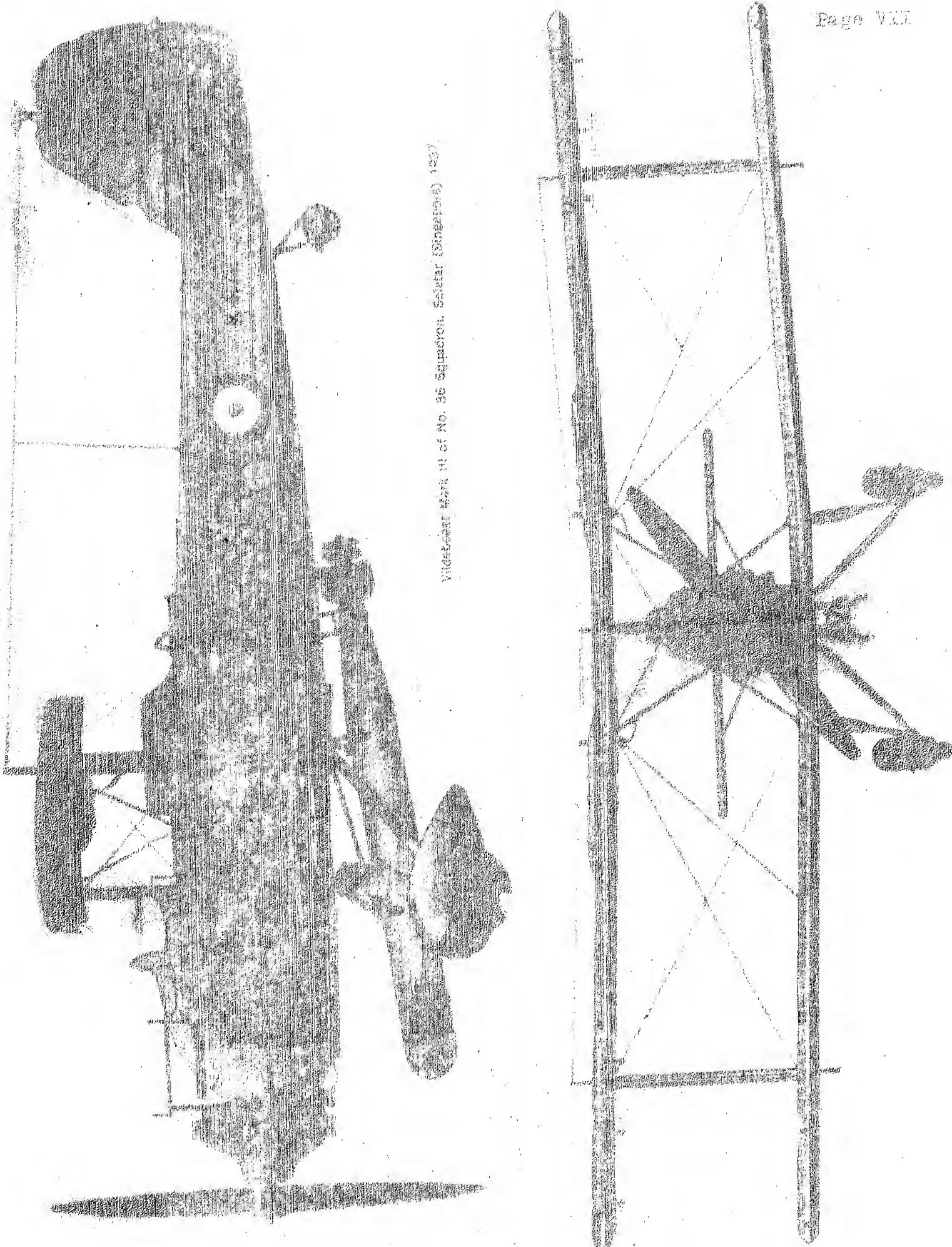
VICKERS VILDEBEEST

(see illustration next pg)

A near-contemporary of the Fleet Air Arm's Fairey Swordfish, the Vickers Vildebeest design was initiated in 1926 to provide a replacement for the RAF's Hawker Horsley torpedo-bomber. The first of two prototypes (N230) was flown for the first time in April 1928, powered by a 460 hp Bristol Jupiter VIII engine, and production Vildebeest Mk I aircraft began to be delivered (first to No 100 Squadron) in 1932. These had 600 hp Vegers IM.3 uncowed engines, Handley Page slotted wings and a Vee-type divided-axle landing gear that permitted an 18 inch torpedo to be slung directly beneath the fuselage; twenty-two were completed. There were four basic production models of the Vildebeest. The Mk II (thirty built) was powered by a 635 hp Bristol Pegasus IIM.3 uncowed engine; the Mk III (one hundred and eleven built) ((the Mk III is shown on the next page)) was generally similar except that it carried a third crew member in a remodelled rear cockpit; while the Mk IV (eighteen built) differed chiefly in having a Bristol Perseus VIII sleeve-valve engine installed in a close-fitting cowling. All versions were operable from twin-float landing gear, which could be interchanged readily with the standard wheel undercarriage. Despite the comparatively small number of Vildebeests built, they enjoyed a long service life, and two Coastal Command squadrons (Nos 36 and 100) were still equipped with these aircraft at the outbreak of World War Two, due to the belated entry into service of the twin-engined Beauforts that were to have replaced them. They were stationed in the Far East, but most of them were destroyed when the Japanese overran Singapore in 1941. A total of twenty-six Vildebeests were completed for the Spanish Naval Air Service by CASA, being fitted with 600 hp Hispano-Suiza 12 Lbr Vee-type engines which gave them a much less clumsy appearance. The original British prototype, similarly re-engined, was sold to Spain later. Interest shown in the Vildebeest by other foreign governments did not result in any orders, but twenty-seven of the MkIII's built were supplied to the Royal New Zealand Air Force. (see page seven for illustrations)

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100 (CONTINUED) TYPICAL FORMS OF MONOCOTYLEDON



If you've managed to survive the previous 7 pages of horse crap, try this:

THE GAMES

Game: 1974 CW
 GM: me, Rick Kitching
 Season: Winter 1904

Austria (Randolph Smyth): built a vie, a bud, disband a mun. hasf gre, a alb, a rum, a ser.
 England (Blair Cusack): built a edi, f lon. Has f wes, f spasc, a bre, f nth, f bal, f swe, f mid.
 France (Dave Head): removed a bur. Has a mar, a gas.
 Germany (Dave 'Truman') built a kie. Has a mun, a sil, f ber, a hol.
 Italy (Doug Ronson): removed a pie. Has a tun, f tyrr, f lyo, f ion.
 Russia (John Gross): Has a gal, a war, a ukr.
 Turkey (Robert Fisher): Has a bul, a sev, a con, f bla, f aeg.

Deadline for Spring 1905 can be found on the front page (if you're lucky). A note on the lateness of this issue; I was against postponing this issue because I feel that the postal strike shouldn't have affected the last deadline. But in this zine the majority of GMs rule; so you have a late printing. With things still screwy at the post office the next deadline will be extended a bit.

(RK)

Game: 1974HP
 GM: David Head
 Season: Spring 1902 AUSTRIAN SITUATION BLEAK, RIT MOVES LIKE CLOCKWORK

Austria (Gallow): f alb s a ser-gre, a ser-gre, a tri-ser.
 England (klein): f nwy-ska, f nth-den, f lon-nth, a edi-yor.
 France (Correll): a par-hold, a bur-mar, a spa-gas, f por-spa(sc), f mar-lyo.
 Germany (Johnston): f kie-bal, f hol-bel, a mun-sil, a rhu-kie.
 Italy (Stewart): a ven-tri, a tyr s a ven-tri, f ion s TURK. a gre.
 Russia (Berggren): f swe-hold, f stpet(sc)-bot, a mos-liv, a war-gal, a gal-vie, a bud s TURK. a bul-ser, f rum-hold.
 Turkey (Anschiuetz): f bla-hold, f smy-aeg, a bul-ser, a con-bul, a gre s a bul-ser.

Austrian armies ser&tri are annihilated.

Last season England was listed as having fleet nrg, it should have been nwy, all players were notified.

no press

deadline for this game can be found on the last page and the front.

Game: 1974AT Fall 1904

GM: Brian Johnston

Season: Fall, RUSSIANS OCCUPY ALL OF GERMANY! ALL OF FRENCY HOMELAND RE-CAPTURED! TYPIST FILLS BIG SPACE!

Austria (Sharp): a pie Supports French a gas-mar, a tyr Supports Russian a mun, f ion-tyr, f adr-ion (NSU), a nap holds, a rum-bud, a ser-bud, f alb fdered.
 England (Korbee?) NMR!: GM removes f hol in lieu of retreat, f nao, f nth, f eng, a pic, & a lon all hold.
 France (Davies): a gas-mar, s by a spa, a par s f bre, f bre holds.
 Germany (Huang): f den-nth, a bur-bel, a ruh s a bur-bel, a hol s a bur-bel.
 Italy (Correll): f naf-tun, f wes-spasc (NSU), s by f lyo, f mid unordered.
 Russia (Klein): f GofB-swe, a pru-kie c by f bal, f con s a arm-ank, a arm-ank, f smy holds, a ber s a pru-kie, a ukr-sev.
 Turkey (Sweis): Retreated a smy-ank, a ank-con.

RETREATS: Turkish a ank OTB,

NOTE: I neglected to print Russian a mos-ukr, but I doubt if that will affect the course of the game. I'm sorry for any inconvenience.

ANOTHER NOTE: Welcome to the game, Robert Correll, who is the third player to take over the Italian position in 4 turns which must be some sort of record.

Standby Request-For England, Doug Ronson, 864 Ingersoll Ct., Mississauga CENTRE CHART: Ont, L5J 2S1

Austria: (9 Centres) home, ser, grc, ven, rom, nap, bul, Build 2.

England: (4 Centres) home, nor, ~~yes~~, ~~yes~~. Remove 1.

1974AT Cont'd.

France: (5 Centres): bre, par, por, spa, mar, Build 1, but no room!

Germany (3 Centres): den, ~~ber~~, bel, hol, ~~mun~~, ~~kie~~. Remove 1.Italy (1 Centre): ~~ber~~, ~~par~~, tun. Remove 2.Russia (12 Centres): home, con, smy, ank, ~~ber~~, ~~mun~~, kie^{run}, swe, bul. Build 3.Turkey (0 Centres): ~~ber~~, OUT!!!!

Game: 1974HS

GM: B. Johnston

Season: Spring 1902: SECOND AUSTRIAN ATTEMPT ON VENICE UNSUCCESSFUL! ENGLAND & RUSSIA TANGLE IN THE NORTH!

Austria (Bice): a vi-c-tyr, f tri-ven s by f adr, a ser s Russian f bla-bul.

England (Monahan): f nwy-swe, s by a den, a lon-nwy, c by f nth, f edi-nrg.

France (Kitching): f mar-GofL, f por-nid, a spa-mar, a bur-ruh, a par-pic.

Germany (S.Hayward): a kie-den, a ber-kie, f hol-nth, a mun & a bel hold.

Italy (Giaschi): f tun-ion, f nap-apu, a ven s rom, a rons ven.

Russia (M.Hayward): f stpnc-nor, f swe s German a kie-den, f bla-bulec s by f run, a mos-sev, a war-mos,

Turkey (Head): a bul-ser, a con-bul, f smy-aeg, fank-con.

RETREAT: Turkish a bul-gre or disband.

Press: V ienna: Special from the capital: Of late the peasants have become quite restless although their glorious Emperor cannot understand why. He has recently made a public appearance to boost their sagging moral. Another important factor in the V ienna Crisis is the formation of a new underground movement called I.T.A.L.I.A.N. (Italian & Turkish Armed forces Look Idiotic And Neurotic). The terrorists so far have destroyed an Italian barber-shop and a Turkish fur-trading station.

Trieste: This large Austrian port famous for its silk underwear has been recently wiped out by a giant tsuononi tidal wave. The exact cause of the wave is not known but Turkish FOWL play is suspected. Although the Grand Austrian High Seas Fleet will now be stationd in the important fishing village of Ickleburger it will still be referred to as Trieste

Fall 1902, 1974HS** MADNESS GOES ON AS RUSSIA ATTACKS EVERYTHING THAT MOVE! GERMAN BATTLE PLAN UNSUCCESSFUL ON ANGLO-FRENCH FRONT!

Austria (Bice): a tyr-ven s by f tri & f adr, a ser s Russian f bulec.

England (Monahan): a lon-bel, c by f nth, a den-swe, s by f nor, f nrg-bar.

France (Kitching): a ruh-hol, a pic s english a lon-bel, a mar-bur, f MAO -WMed, f GofL-Tyr.

Germany (S.Hayward): a kie-den, f hol-nth, a mun-ruh, a bel-pic, a ber-mun.

Italy (Giaschi): f ion-tun, a ron-tus, f apu-nap, a ven-holds.

Russia (M.Hayward): a mos-stp, a run-bud, f stpne-nor s by f swe, a sev-run, f bulec holds.

Turkey (Head): a gre was retreated to from bul, a gre-alb, a con-gre c by f aeg, f ank-ccn.

RETREATS- German a bel OTB, Italian a ven-pied, apu, or rom.

Centre Chart.

Austria-vie, tri, ~~ber~~, ser, ven. (4) Even.England-home, den, .nor, bel. (6) Build 1.

France-home, spa, por. (5) Even.

Germany-home, hol, ~~ber~~. (4) Even.Italy-ron, nap, tun, ~~ber~~. (3) Remove 1.Russia-home, run, bul, bud, swe. (8) Build 2.Turkey-home, gre, ~~ber~~. Even.

**-In case you're wondering why two seasons of one game are on the same time is that 1974HS is a local game with deadlines every 10 days shortly to be changed to once a week deadlines. Because of the postponement of publishing of ARRAKIS we've managed to get 3 turns in. With the new once a week deadline you'll be seeing 3 seasons of 1974HS every issue.

Winter 1902, 1974HS

England-Builds a edi.

Italy-NRR, GM removes a ven in lieu of retreat.

Russia- Builds a war, a scv.

Press: Ankara: "The Turkisted" Sultan Airahead in his message to the people of Turkey "...Never could truer words be spoken by that ninny the archduke of Austria. "The Impossible Dream" shall become Austria's nightmare, when the combined Russo-Turkish forces liberate the rest of the land still under cruel Austrian subjugation....That fur trading station destroyed by those vile Austrian beasts shall not go unrevenged, for every fur lost one hundred Austrians will have their hides tanned."

LOCAL PLAYERS- Next deadline for 1974HS for

Spring 1903 is Sat., March 15

Hi! again. This is none other than Paul Monahan speaking or typing or whatever. I got quite a load of flack from you fellows regarding my postponement of the game 1974HB. I'm sorry that you guys don't agree with my ruling but as far as I know the postponement of games which have an excess of NMR's is quite common. Anyway to those who felt I was wrong I offer my sincere and humble apologies.

I am also offering my very humble apologies to John C. Carroll. He sent his Spring 1903 orders with his Winter 1902 builds and I neglected to record them. Therefore there will be another delay as we do Spring 1903 over again.

Game: 1974HB

GM: Paul Monahan

Season: Spring 1903

DO YOU EVER GET THE FEELING THAT YOU'VE SEEN SOMETHING BEFORE?

Austria (Robert Sacks) f gro s Turkish f aeg.

England (John Carroll) f lon-eng, f liv-iri, f ska-nth, s by f nwy, f den s German a kie

France (Rick Solomon) a hol-kie, f bro-cng, s by f bcl, a par-pic, a bur-ruh, f por-mid, f mar-spasc.

Germany (Mark 'allow) a boh-nun, f kic-hol.

Italy (Steve Ball) a mun-ber, a ven-tyr, a tri-alb, a gal s ussian a war-ukr, f ion-aeg, s by f eas, f nap-ion.

Russia (Lawrence Gillespie) f swe-bal, a stp s a nos, a war-ukr, s by a nos, a bud-run, s by a ser.

Turkey (Al Gardiner) a ukr-nos, sby a scv, (ukr eliminated), f run-bla, a bul s Austrian f gre, f aeg-ion, f suy-cas.

Now that that is all over I'm going to announce my resignation as gamesmaster of 1974 HB. Before anyone decides to call me a cop-out or a suck who can't take criticism, I would like it to be known that this decision was made over a month ago. The truth of the matter is this; my schoolwork, in my most crucial year of high-school, has suffered and I'm afraid it must come first. I have resigned or withdrawn quietly from a few other activities as well as this. I will still participate in games but not in the role of a GM. Maybe in a few years I will be able to devote more time to the hobby of Diplomacy; who knows?

My thanks go out to Rick, Dave and Brian who seem to understand my problems and who have offered to keep the game going. All orders will be sent to Rick Kitching who is now your GM. As you may have guessed the feeble excuse above is not the only one, but it will do. I thank you fellows for a very good game and I wish you all the best of luck.

Paul Monahan

Here's a letter from Al Gardiner concerning Paul's decision about last turn's NMR's.

This letter is to announce that no government or country to which I belong or a member of, which believe men are given, re:agency, can exist where other men and/or gods intervene to stop the natural course of events. It would seem natural, where there is no dice and therefore no random chance that each country and ruler must act according to the rules. If they choose not to, the GM may ask for subs; but I cannot find any excuse for the GM to stop or extend the game because they choose not to move. Therefore I am sending this open letter for all to read. If the ruling is not changed so that those who didn't send moves are penalized instead of those that did, I must resign my position. I shall continue to play only until a sub will take over my place.

Diplomatically yours,
Alain Gardiner.

Deadline: April 5, 1975

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